

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **TONG, ET AL.** :  
APPLICATION NO.: **NOT YET ASSIGNED** : Examiner: **NOT YET ASSIGNED**  
FILING DATE: **HEREWITH** : Group Art Unit: **NOT YET ASSIGNED**  
TITLE: **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS** :  
**FOR DIAGNOSING AND**  
**TREATING DISORDERS**  
**INVOLVING ANGIOGENESIS**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 of the specification:

--- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit of priority from United States Provisional  
Application No. 60/227,924, filed August 25, 2000.---

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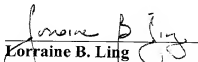
**REMARKS**

Enclosed herewith, is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification, entitled "**Versions with markings to show changes made**".

Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Aug 24, 2001

  
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**In the Specification:**

New paragraph beginning at line 1, page 1 has been added as follows:

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